

Mayor and Commissioners are to be elected at large, by majority vote.

SEC. 16. Election of Mayor and Board of Commissioners. All members of the board of commissioners shall be elected at large. Every voter shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for mayor and for as many candidates as there are members to be elected to the board of commissioners. All candidates, up to the number to be elected, who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected. If more than the number to be elected receive a majority vote, those receiving most votes shall be declared elected. A majority vote for the purposes of this section shall be a majority of a number of votes determined by dividing the total vote of all candidates by the number of persons for which each voter is entitled to cast a vote. If there are one or more positions for which no one is elected at the first election, a second election shall be held one week later. In the second election there shall be printed on the ballot twice as many names as there are positions to be filled, from the remaining candidates polling the largest numbers of votes in the first election. In this election the remaining positions shall be filled by declaring elected the several candidates polling the largest number of votes.

Procedure for run-off vote.

Administrative Service

Board selects administrative employees and fixes their salaries.

SEC. 17. Appointment of Officers and Employees. The board of commissioners may appoint a town clerk, a treasurer, a tax collector, an accountant, a town attorney, a chief of police, a fire chief, and such other officers and employees as may be necessary; *provided*, that the board of commissioners may appoint one person to fill any two or more such positions. Such employees or officers shall serve at the pleasure of the board of commissioners, and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the board of commissioners. The board of commissioners shall fix all salaries, prescribe bonds and require such oaths as they may deem necessary.

Board elects Town Clerk.

SEC. 18. Town Clerk. The board of commissioners shall choose a town clerk. The town clerk shall keep the records of the board of commissioners and perform such other duties as may be required by law or the board of commissioners.

Board selects Town Attorney.

SEC. 19. Duties of Town Attorney. The town attorney shall be an attorney at law who shall have practiced in the State of North Carolina for at least five years. He shall be the chief legal adviser of and attorney for the town and all departments and offices thereof in matters relating to their official powers and duties. It shall be his duty, either personally or by such assistants as he may designate, to perform all services incident to the department of law; to attend all meetings of the board of commissioners, to give advice in writing, when so requested; to the board of commissioners or the director of any department; to prosecute or defend, as the case may be, all suits or cases to which the town may be a party; to prosecute for all offenses

Qualifications and duties of said Attorney.